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EXPOSITION ABOARD SHIP

Company in New York Obtains Ship and Will Place Displays of American Products on Board. Ship to Visit Foreign Countries to Further Trade.

New York, July 26.—Plans have been completed for an effort by an exporting company of this city to extend American Commerce to foreign countries. A floating exposition will be equipped and sent on a tour of the world. "The American Floating Expedition," as it will be called, will start from New York in January 1906.

It will carry a limited number of samples of various merchandise of American manufacture, the samples to be displayed at each of the ports where stops will be made. Space will be allotted to exhibitors and salesmen on the ship.

The trip will require 15 months and cover 60,000 miles will be covered. It will include Europe, Asia, Australia, South America, and Ports in Central America, and the West Indies. The steamer will carry a surgeon, and competent interpreters of German, French, and Spanish.

SUGAR RATE CUT.

Santa Fe and Southern Pacific Make Concession to Western Refiners.

San Francisco, July 26.—The Southern Pacific and the Santa Fe companies formally announced a reduction in the rate of refined sugar between this city and the Missouri river and points in Kansas and Nebraska from fifty cents to twenty-eight cents a hundred pounds in carload lots.

The cut has been made to meet a cut made by the lines operating between New Orleans and the same points mentioned above, and for the purpose of placing California refiners on an equal footing with southern competitors. Recently the lines operating out of New Orleans, among them the Illinois Central, the Frisco, and several subsidiary lines of the Southern Pacific, dissolved their agreement relative to sugar rates and entered upon a war that ended a few days ago in the rate being cut from 32 cents to 10 cents a hundred pounds.

As a result the California refiners found themselves seriously handicapped in their business and finally appealed for relief to the lines running out of the city, with the result that the cut was made. The reduction, the officials claim, brings the east bound rate down to the lowest point in the history of western refining.

NEWSPAPER COMBINE.

Iowa Weeklies to Consolidate and Become Dailies.

Washington, July 25.—Fourth Assistant Postmaster General Degraw, has made public a communication from his department which states that fifty weekly papers in various towns and cities in Iowa, are to be transformed into

daily papers through an organization of capitalists whereby two pages of the papers are to be printed at one central place and distributed to the towns where the remaining two pages are to be printed with the local news.

NEW VENZUELAN LAW.

Regulates Distribution of Income From Castros' Customs Department.

Washington, July 26.—Norman Hetchinson, in charge of the American legation at Caracas, Venezuela, has cabled the department of state that the Venezuelan congress passed a new law prohibiting the distribution of income from customs. It is figured that twenty five million bolivars will be the maximum income, sixteen millions from La Guara, and Puerto Cabello and nine millions from all other ports.

All conflicting laws have been superseded. The American equivalent of the bolivar is twenty cents.

ATTACKS MONOPOLY.

Arkansas Attorney-general Attacks International Harvester Co.

Little Rock, Ark., July 26.—Attorney General Rodgers has filed suit in the Pulaski County Circuit court against the International Harvester Company for penalties aggregating \$600,000 for alleged infringement of the anti-trust law passed at the last session of the general assembly. The complaint recites that the company is a monopoly within the intent and meaning of the act, for the purpose of regulating the prices of harvesters and fixing their output.

CAREFUL OF THE FIRE.

The Stinky Hotel Keepers of Spain and Southern Italy.

In the smaller hotels of southern Italy and of Spain, writes Mr. Hart in "Two Argonauts in Spain," the unfortunate tourists slowly freeze. The landlords display a touching solicitude about the stove. On days when fire is really needed to keep the guests warm they sometimes spend half their time trying to keep the servants from putting too much fuel on the fire.

To prevent Americans and other pyromaniacs from meddling with the fuel they often keep the coal bin locked. It is a touching spectacle to see a group of Americans shivering round a little stove; to see the servant enter, take out a key, unlock the coal bin, put two or three spoonfuls of coal in the stove and then lock the bin again; to see the gimlet eye of a Granada landlord fastened on him from the office; then to see the hapless Americans sink back into their overcoat collars and wish they were back home.

As an instance of the desperation to which these cold hotels drive people I once in a Levantine hotel saw an elderly spinster seat herself in front of the stove in the men's smoking room, with her hair down, while an elderly female friend gave her a dry shampoo.

To the suggestion of the scandalized servants that she should finish this intimate toilet operation in her own room she replied briefly that she had found the only warm place in the hotel and proposed to finish the shampoo there, which she did.

DREADFUL POISONS.

The Fumes of Mercury Methide Will Produce Incurable Idiocy.

"The more dreadful poisons," said a chemist, "are only known to a few men. Mercury methide, for instance, the inhalation of whose fumes produces incurable idiocy, can be manufactured by two Italians and by no one else in the world.

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"Tell us why they never married, Aunt Fanny?" he said, bravely.

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